

11 April 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Guam Pictures

25X1 1. I discussed the AF-1 picture of you and General Thang with Messrs. Colby, [redacted] We feel that although General Thang would be delighted to get it and [redacted] could make nickels by presenting it to him, on balance the risks outweigh the potential gains. Regardless of the innocence or propriety of the actual occasion, a photo showing General Thang in friendly private conversation with the DCI could easily be used against him by his political enemies. Furthermore, should U.S.-Thang relations sour at some future date, for whatever reason, the warmly inscribed photo of you and him together could be embarrassing for you and the Agency. Thus, we recommend that the photo not be sent.

2. Ruth (Mrs. Carver) and I both appreciate and thank you for the loan of the color photo of the whole Guam group. If there is any tactful way in which I could ask for another copy which I could retain, I would very much like to have one for myself.

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Orig - [redacted] DCI *w/ 2 pictures*

1 - [redacted] /DDCI/ER

1 - GAC Chrono *w/ 2 pictures*

1 - Guam Conf file

1 - VAS Chrono

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